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I feel it is about time a settlement was reached with Microsoft. What seems strange to me is that it took this long. During this same period, several of the old "Standard" oil companies and several of the old "Bell" telephone companies were allowed to merge back together with no questions asked. I feel these mergers could be more harmful to consumers than Microsoft having a monopoly in computer OS. I believe having a common OS is actually good for the consumer. Could you imagine 10 different OS? There would not be any continuity between computer systems and the multitude of software that is available now would probably be a great deal less.

Thanks for letting me express my opinion.

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